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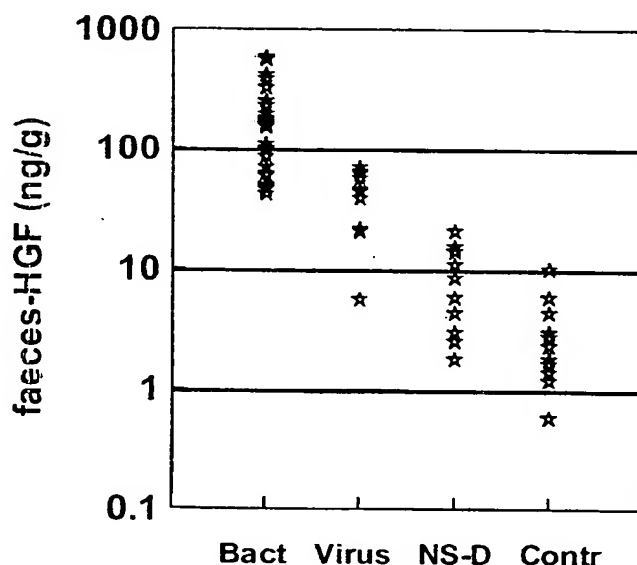
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(57) Abstract: A method for diagnosing an inflammatory disorder in an individual comprises contacting a body fluid sample from the individual with an immunoassay device to determine relative levels of different forms of hepatocyte growth factor (HGF) in the sample, and correlating the determined levels to an inflammatory disorder. An immunoassay device for diagnosing an inflammatory disorder in an individual comprises at least two test areas having immobilized respectively therein reagent for binding different forms of hepatocyte growth factor (HGF).



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